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In re Application of

Allen A. Klassen et al.

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2002, applicant hereby respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-46 remain pending in the application.

As an initial point, it is noted that the Office Action Summary, Form PTO-326, indicates that acknowledgement is made of a claims for foreign priority. However, applicants have not claimed any foreign priority in this application.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 12, 25 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takashita et al in view of Rich. This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed.

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